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PIPER HOUSE  
Oldtown Road  
Spring Gap  
1908

The Piper House was built in 1908 as a two story family dwelling. It is unique in that it is perfectly square with a hipped roof porch surrounding three sides, and a two story porch supported by chamfered columns on the fourth side. There is a smokehouse which was built in 1910 just south of the house, and was used to cure and keep the family's meats. The house is structurally sound and is still occupied by its original owner.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST 0101865704

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Piper House

AND/OR COMMON

Frame House

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Oldtown Road

CITY, TOWN

Spring Gap

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

#### PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

John Piper

Telephone #: 724-2169

STREET & NUMBER

Oldtown Road

CITY, TOWN

Spring Gap

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 418

Folio #: 189

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Piper House is located on the south side of Oldtown Road in Spring Gap.

The dwelling shape is square, being four bays wide all around and two stories tall. There is a low stone foundation with a plain water table. The exterior walls are covered with red insul brick. Windows are all double hung wooden sash frames with one over one lights, plain trim, and cornices. The main entrance is on the east side of the structure, and the door is the original paneled one. Cross gables, asphalt shingles, and soffits comprise the roof, and circular ventilators are found in the peak of each gable. A hipped roof porch supported by chamfered columns runs around the entire north, west, and south sides of the house. On the east side of the house is a two story porch supported by chamfered columns and covered by a shed roof. One replaced cement block chimney exists on the outside end of the east side of the structure.

Just a few feet south of the house lies a smokehouse two stories tall and one bay wide. It is covered with the original vertical boards and has a simple gabled roof. It dates to about 1910. The house is presently in very good condition and structurally sound. It was built around 1908, and contains its original fabric.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

## SPECIFIC DATES

## BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Piper House was built as a place of residence for the John Piper family around 1908. Several houses in Allegany County exhibit the cross gable roof pattern such as the one on this house; nevertheless, that feature causes the house to stand out. Other homes built around the same-time period display a two story porch like the one found here. This house is unique in that it is of square shape surrounded on three sides by a first story hipped roof porch.

The smokehouse in the back yard was built by the family two years after the house was finished. It was used to cure and keep their beef, pork, etc. Like the majority of homes on the Oldtown Road, a sizable portion of the family yard is devoted to a vegetable garden, although farming is not the major occupation.

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.5 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin, & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

9/1/76

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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DATE: 8/26/76

1.5 ACRES

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: PIPER HouseLOCATION OF PROPERTY: SPRING GAP, MARYLANDDIRECTION DWELLING FACES: EASTNAME OF OWNER: JOHN PIPER 724-2169ADDRESS: SPRING GAP, MARYLANDSTORIES: 1( ) 2(☒) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

Dwelling Shape: square cross, rectangular

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- ( ) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
( ) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
( ) LOG  
(☒) Other: Coverings Red Insul Brick

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS PLAINFOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONEWATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICKWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(☒) 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
w/ CORNICE pegged( ) nailed( ) wide( ) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

HARDWARE: original(☒) replaced( )  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal BoardsCORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
original(☒) replaced( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, ArchitraveROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced(☒)PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(☒) hip(☒) gable( ) All around house Hip on lower 1st storyCement Block CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK( ) STONE( ) CORBELLED( ) original( ) replaced(☒)  
LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end(☒) Central( ) Interior( )ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - Residence

Significance -

Date Constructed - 1908Condition - Good



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North Branch

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Piper Frame House

Rt. 5th Spring Gap

USGS - Patterson Creek Quad

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John Nelson

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Northeast



Piper House

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Northwest



Piper House - Smokehouse

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Old town Road, Spring Gap

John Nelson

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South